(viii) prepare an action plan for implementation of identified potential schemes/projects, and for development of infrastructure.

(c) The twenty year perspective plan for the State of Tamil Nadu has categorized various destinations in the State under six broad heads *viz.* Pilgrimage Destinations; Heritage Locations and Historical Monuments; Locations of Scenic Beauty (hill stations, beaches, and forests/sanctuaries); Tourist Festival Locations; Adventure Destinations; and Leisure Destinations. Accordingly, the plan has prioritized various projects in the State, to be taken up in short run and long run.

As development of potential tourism desinations is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments, the 20 years Perspective Plans were sent to the States/UTs for preparation of their developmental plans accordingly.

Support and suggestions from world Bank on water related issues

*183. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has enhanced the quantum of its loan for water-related sectors in India from $200 million a year to $800 million a year for four years;

(b) what are the pre-conditions set forth by the Bank for extending this loan package;

(c) whether the World Bank report on India's performance on water-related issues, mentions of poor management and predicts a turbulent future, devoid of minimum requirement of water to sustain its economy; and

(d) whether the Bank has recommended construction of mega dams in the country to enhance its water storage capacity from the 30 days of rainfall to 900 days as is done in major river basins in arid area of developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Country Director, World Bank has indicated an enhancement of fund allocation

by World Bank for water resources projects from present level of US$ 200 million per year to about US$800 million per year.

(b) The projects are sanctioned and governed by general terms and conditions that are applicable to all World Bank projects in all sectors world over. In so far as any specific conditions, if any, are concerned the same are discussed on case to case basis depending upon the projects concerned.

(c) Mr. John Briscoe of the World Bank has recently prepared a draft Report titled **"India's Water Economy: Bracing for a Turbulent Future."** The report is based on study conducted by the World Bank on its own. The report in general discusses various aspects of water resources development and management in India and broadly covers the issues related to:

i. adjusting to the needs of a changing India;
ii. adjusting to scarcity and greater variability;
iii. dealing with growing conflicts;
iv. maintaining and renewing existing infrastructure;
v. building infrastructure in under-served areas and for under-served public purposes.
vi. making the transition from development to management and development;
vii. revitalizing the machinery of Government to deal with the turbulent water future; and
viii. charting a prioritized, sequenced, pragmatic path for making improvements.

Most of the issues are duly addressed in the National Water Policy and appropriate actions are taken in light to the present policies of the Union and the State Governments.

(d) The drafts reports states that India has relatively little capacity to store water. It further states that whereas there is about 900 days of storage capacity in the Colorado and Murray Darling rivers, there is only about 30 days of storage capacity in most of India's river basins and accordingly major investments need to be made to increase capacity to store water, in both surface and groundwater reserviors, in projects small (such as local rainwater harvesting) and big (such as large dams).